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Kaweah-Kern Complex Update

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks announced the closure of an additional trail in the Giant Forest of Sequoia National Park. To provide for public safety in the area of the Giant Fire, the trail from the Crescent Meadow Road to the Squatter's Cabin is closed.

The following is an update for the three wildland fire use projects. Trails remain closed in these areas to provide for public safety.

- **Williams Fire (Kings Canyon National Park)** – Active surface fire with occasional torching of trees was observed on this fire, burning an additional 25 acres. Total estimated acreage is 1,225 acres.
- **West Kern Fire (Sequoia National Park and Sequoia National Forest)** – Active surface fire with occasional torching of trees added 50 acres to this fire. Total estimated acreage is 2,800 acres. Trail 31E10 east of Coyote Pass is closed; it was incorrectly identified as 21E10 in yesterday's news release.
- **Giant Fire (Sequoia National Park)** – Monitors reported creeping and smoldering on this fires. Its current size is now an estimated 205 acres.

Today and yesterday, heavy helicopters and air tankers continued dropping water and retardant on the **Homer's Nose 2 Fire**. The fire grew to 110 acres.

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